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HIS MAIESTIES GRACIOVS MESSAGE

To both Houſes of *Parliament*, ſent from *Nottingham*, the 25 of *Auguſt*, 1642.

By the Earle of *Southampton*, and *Dorſet*, Sir *Iohn Culpepper*, Knight, Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Sir *William Vvdall* Knight.

Alſo a Declaration of the Lords and Commons, concerning the behaviour of the Souldiers in this preſent expedition.

VVith an Order of both Houſes concerning Irregular Printing, and for the ſuppreſſing of all falſe and Scandalous Pamphlets.

Die Sabbathi, Auguſt. 27. 1642.

Ordered by the Lords and Commons, that this Declaration and Order be forthwith Printed and Publiſhed.

Iohn Browne Cler. Parliament.

Auguſt 29. London Printed for *Iohn Wright*, 1642.

DIEV ET MON DROIT

His Majesties gracious Message to both Houses of Parliament, sent from *Nottingham*, 25. August, 1642.

WE have with unspeakable griefe of heart long beheld the Distractions of this our Kingdom; Our very soule is ful of anguish untill We may find some remedy to prevent the Miseries which are ready to overwhelme this whole Nation by a civill War: And though all Our endeavours tending to the composing of of those unhappy differences betwixt Us and Our two Houses of Parliament (though pursued by Us with all Zeale and Sincerity) have beene hitherto without that Successe We hoped for; Yet such is Our constant and earnest care to preserve the publike peace, that We shall not be discouraged from using any expedient, which by the blessing of the God of Mercy may lay a firme foundation of peace and happinesse to all Our good Subjects: To this end observing that many Mistakes have arisen by the Messages, Petitions and Answers betwixt Us and Our two Houses of *Parliament*; which happily may be prevented by some other way of Treaty, wherein the Matters in difference may be more cleerly understood, and more freely transacted; Wee have thought fit to propound to you, that some fit persons may be by you inabled to treat with the like number to be authorized by Us, in such a manner, and with such freedome of debate, as may best tend to that happy Conclusion which all good Men desire, *The peace of the Kingdome*: Wherein as We promise in the Word of a King, all safety and encouragement

ment to ſuch as ſhall be ſent to Us, if you ſhall cliuſe the place where we are for the Treatie; which we wholy leave to you, preſuming of your like care of the ſafety of thoſe We ſhall imploy, if you ſhall name another place: So We aſſure you and all Our good Subiects, that (to the beſt of Our underſtanding) nothing ſhall be therein wanting on Our parts, which may advance the true Proteſtant Religion, Oppoſe Popery and Superſtition, Secure the Law of the Land (upon which is built as well Our iuſt Prerogative, as the Propriety and Liberty of the Subiect) Confirm all iuſt power and Priviledges of Parliament, And render Vs and Our People truly happy by a good Vnderſtanding betwixt Vs and Our two Houſes of Parliament. Bring with you as firm Reſolutions to doe your duty, aud let all Our good People ioyne with Vs in Our Prayers to Almighty God for his bleſſing upon this work.

If this Propoſition ſhall be reiected by you, We have dore Our duty ſo amply, that God will abſolve Vs from the Guilt of any of that blood which muſt be ſpilt, and what opinion ſoever other Men may have of Our power, We aſſure you nothing but Our Chriſtian and Pious care to prevent the Effuſion of blood hath begot this Motion, Our Proviſion of Men, Armes aud Money being ſuch as may ſecure Vs from further violence, till it ſhall pleaſe God to open the eyes of Our People.

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A Declaration of the Lords and Commons Assembled in PARLIAMENT.

WHereas diverse Souldiers have in a tumultuous and violent manner broken into diverse of the Kings Subjects houses, pillaged and ransacked them, under colour that they are Papists Houses, or the houses of persons disaffected; The Lords and Commons taking the premisses into consideration, doe declare and Order, that whatsoever Souldier or Souldiers, shall without the command of the Captaines of their respective Companies, or the Officers of the field, attempt upon, or breake open any houses whatsoever, or pillage or ransacke any house, shall be pursued and punisht, according to the Law as a Felon, And the said Lords and Com-

mons doe require all Officers of the Army to imploy their beſt endeavours, for the bringing of any ſuch Souldiers that ſhall commit any of the inſolencies aforeſaid, to condigne puniſhment, that they may be ſeverely and effectually proceeded againſt, according to Law. And the Lord Generall is deſired, that this Order may be duely publiſhed in the Army, in the head of each particular Company.

Ordered by the Lords and Commons aſſembled in Parliament, that this Order be forthwith Printed and publiſhed.

John Bro. Cler. Parliamen.

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An ORDER of the LORDS and Commons, concerning *Printing*.

Die Veneris 26. Auguſti, 1642.

WHereas there hath beene of late great diſorders and abuſes by irregular Printing, to the great ſcandall of Religion and government, and a Bill is in preparation for the redreſſe of thoſe miſchiefes, which by reaſon of the preſent diſtractions cannot be ſo ſpeedily perfected and paſſed as is deſired; It is therefore Ordered by the Lords and Commons in Parliament, that no perſon or perſons ſhall Print, publiſh, or utter, any Booke or Pamphlet, falſe or ſcandalous, to the proceedings of the Houſes of Parliament, or either of them, nor ſhall Print, utter, or publiſh, any Booke or Pamph' t with the name of the Clerke of either Houſe of Parliament ſet thereunto, or with any expreſſion, preterence, of Order from both or either of the ſaid Houſes, without ſpeciall Order from the ſaid Houſes, or either of them, or of the Committees of them, or either of them concerning Printing; And the ſame to be entred

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in the Regiſter Booke of the ſaid Company, according to ancient cuſtome; And the Maſter and Wardens of the Company of Stationers London, and the Uſher of the Black-rod, and Serjeant of the Commons Houſe of Parliament and their Deputies, are hereby authorized and required, to make diligent ſearch from time to time, for all ſuch Bookes and Pamphlets, to bee hereafter Printed, and the ſame to ſeize and take, together with the Preſſes, and other Printing Materials, wherewith the ſame ſhall be Printed; and carry them to the Common-hall of the ſaid Company, there to remaine till either Houſe of Parliament ſhall otherwiſe diſpoſe thereof; And all his Majeſties Officers ſhall upon requeſt, ayde and aſſiſt to apprehend offenders in the premiſes, and to bring them before the Lords or Commons Houſe of Parliament, or the Committees appoynted for Printing, upon whoſe report of the Fact, ſuch courſe ſhall be taken with the ſaid Offenders, as ſhall be juſt. And for that purpoſe the ſaid Committees are to ſit at ſuch times and places as they ſhall thinke fit.

ORdered by the Lords and Commons aſſembled in Parliament, that this Order concerning Printing be forthwith Printed and publiſhed.

John Browne Cleric. Parliam.

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